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RESPONSE

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This filing is in response to the Office Action mailed August 14, 2002. As this Response is being filed on or before November 14, 2002, it is believed that no fees are due. However, should the Commissioner determine otherwise, he is authorized to charge any fees, including any extension fees or other relief as may be required or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-2319 (Our Order No. A-68556/RFT/SPL).

REMARKS

Claims 1-16 are currently pending in this application and an appendix of pending claims is attached for the Examiner's convenience. Applicants take note of the Examiner's withdrawal of the previous rejection of Claims 1-16 under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as well as the withdrawal of the previous objections to Claims 1-16. Claims 1-16 stand newly rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, and 35 U.S.C. 103(a).